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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration, reexamination, and allowance of the present patent application are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. No new matter has been added by the foregoing amendments, and support for the amendment can be found in original claim 8. Also, the amendments do not require a new search or further consideration, and therefore, entry is requested.

Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the technical feature of claim 8. Claim 10 has been amended to be dependent upon Claim 1.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

In the Office Action, beginning at page 2, Claims 1-3, 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as reciting subject matters that allegedly were not describe in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this rejection.

The technical feature of claim has been inserted into claim 1. As claim 8 was not rejected under this section, it is asserted that the claims are now allowable.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-3, 6 and 7 fully comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, and therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

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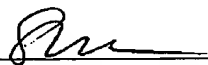
Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present patent application is in condition for allowance. An early indication of the allowability of the present patent application is therefore respectfully solicited.

If Examiner Marvich believes that a telephone conference with the undersigned would expedite passage of the present patent application to issue, she is invited to call on the number below.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the undersigned respectfully requests that she be contacted immediately.

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